

Registered Apprenticeship

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Analysis

- The number of Total Active Apprentices increased almost two percent in the current quarter when compared with the same time period last year.
- The number of Active Programs stayed about the same when compared with the quarter ending on September 2007, despite the downturn in the economy, in the quarter ending September 2008.
- The number of New Programs in both industries that comprise the High Growth Job Training Initiative and in all industries overall declined nine and ten percent, respectively, in the quarters under review.
- The number of New Apprentices also declined 16.5 percent between September 2007 and September 2008.

Charting Program Performance





Current Quarter/One Year Ago

Performance Measures	Quarter Ending 09/30/2007	Quarter Ending 09/30/2008
Number of New Programs in industries that comprise the High Growth Job Training Initiative	310	282
Total Apprentices (Active Apprentices)	329,639	335,149
New Apprentices	36,793	30,736
Programs Maintained Total (Active Programs)	15,710	15,708
New (New Programs)	374	335

Source: Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Data System (table reflects data reported by 25 states)

Program Description

The Registered Apprenticeship System is a federal-state partnership that is helping to meet our skilled talent development needs for the 21st century. Registered Apprenticeship combines on-the-job learning with related technical instruction provided by various educational institutions and sponsors. The strategic goals for the Registered Apprenticeship System focus on:

-  Working in a regional economic context.
-  Expanding into targeted high growth industries.
-  Providing greater access to post-secondary education and alternative pathways for at risk youth.
-  Increasing the use of technology-based learning and competency-based models.

Other Program Highlights and Innovations

The Employment and Training Administration awarded \$17 million in awards this quarter ending on September 2008 to nine state agencies that competed to assist dislocated workers. Two of those grants, which total over \$2.6 million, will go to the states of New Hampshire and Kansas to link over 250 dislocated workers with Registered Apprenticeship, one of the country's premier training methodologies. Both grants run for three years. During this quarter, the U.S. Department of Labor sent revised regulations, implementing the National

	<p>Apprenticeship Act, to the Office of Management and Budget for review. These revised regulations emphasize the need for a flexible National Apprenticeship System. They include options for both program sponsors and apprentices that address the needs of the nation's regional economies and provide for the development of a skilled, competitive workforce.</p> <p>A new Office of Apprenticeship (OA) Website is also being developed. Along with the new site, there will be an array of new marketing products to help announce the new and promising initiatives that apprenticeship has to offer to today's American workforce.</p> <p>The Office of Apprenticeship is also currently involved in a major integration effort with the rest of the Employment and Training Administration. Plans have been finalized this quarter for a number of "Action Clinics" to start next quarter. The first of up to four clinics will start in Chicago. Rollout of the new apprenticeship regulations will also be incorporated into these clinics.</p>
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